



**Mercantile  
Money Museum**

Mercantile Tower  
Seventh & Washington  
St. Louis, Mo. 63101  
314-421-1819

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Ms. Beth Pearce  
Moravian Historical Society  
214 East Center St.  
Nazareth, PA 18064

Dear Ms. Pearce:

I am researching the life of Joseph J. Mickley who was a 19th century piano maker and repairer of musical instruments and one of the first serious coin collectors in America. He was a Moravian I believe based on what I can learn. He was born at Catassauqua near Bethlehem in 1799 to John Jacob Mickley, a farmer. Unfortunately, I can nothing about his mother Mrs. John Mickley, not even her name. If you have this information or any information concerning Joseph or his parents, I would appreciate you either contacting me or sending it. Joseph is reputed to have kept a diary of his life which I can not locate. Also a Memoir of Mickley's life was reputedly written by a man named Bird, but this too seems to be lost. If you have any suggestions about where I might look for any of the above information, I would appreciate it.

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Thomas Serfass  
Curator